Bates Field
Mobile, Alabama
July 14, 1943

Dear Walt And Verna,

I should be writing to Frank and Leora because I haven't written to them in a long time, but I got your letter today so I decided to answer it first.

Well it looks like they are going to keep shoving me all over the country for the duration and six. We had been at Homestead about two weeks and were going to ground school there when we got our orders to come here to Bates Field.. WE were going to fly C-46's down there , but here we are flying C-60's again. When I got up here I found out it was the same old bunch from Jacksonville, National Airlines and all. We're su posed to be getting crew Training here. I guess if the war ended today National Airlines would fold up. As soon as the army would withdraw their funds, they would go broke. They've only got two passenger ships operating now.

I guess this will be the last stop in this country. We had eight crews ship out of here last week to Nashville, Tenn. , but we figured that was just a stop on the way. I've got all my affairs taken care of anyhow, just in case. I sure would like to get home again before we have to go over, but I can't see any possible chance for a leave less than a miracle.

We've made about three trips to Jacksonville. I just got back from one this morning. We had a two day lay over while they were fixing the plane. I didn't see anyone I knew though. We didn't know we were going to stay so long so didn't take any good clothes.

The weather is kind of hot, but not too insufferable. The flies about drive me crazy when I'm trying to sleep in the day time. We have at least one thunderstorm a day.

Well thats about all for now. I'll try to keep you posted on whats going on .

Love,

Eddie

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